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• Topic: Cost Recovery Installment

Tracking Code: ββ0623

SBO team: Agriculture, Environment and Justice

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Agency acronym: DNR

Agency number: 370

• Priority (Low, Medium, High): Medium

Intent: Require an interest charge per month on outstanding cost recovery balances on remedial cleanups. Interest will be deposited into the environmental fund as current cost recovery amounts are.

Background: Currently, environmental cleanups conducted by DNR under ch. 292 are reimbursable if there is a known responsible party. Reimbursement settlements are occasionally repaid over a certain time period, but no payment plans have included interest on the unpaid balances.



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Tradewell, Becky

From: Miner, Andrew - DOA [Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 2:49 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: FW: draft 281 (cost recovery)

Becky,

We would prefer to insert language in this draft that will enable DNR to determine the interest rate – most likely an "as determined by the department" phrase, if you think that will work fine. Let me know if you have questions. Thanks.

Andrew

From: Tradewell, Becky [mailto:Becky.Tradewell@legis.wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, November 04, 2008 11:42 AM

To: Miner, Andrew - DOA

Subject: RE: draft 281 (cost recovery)

Andrew,

I do not see any interest rates that are based on the consumer price index. Some fees and other dollar amounts are adjusted based on changes in the CPI. Many interest rates are set out in the statutes (12 percent on civil judgments for the recovery of money under s. 815.05 (8), for example). Some are based on other statistics, such as corporate bond yield averages (see, s. 646.35 (6) (c)), the federal funds rate (s. 410.506 (2)), or rates on U.S. treasury bills (s. 74.37 (5)). In other cases, the statutes authorize an agency to determine interest rates.

Please let me know if you would like more information. Becky Tradewell 6-7290

From: Miner, Andrew - DOA [mailto:Andrew.Miner@Wisconsin.gov]

Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 2:20 PM

To: Tradewell, Becky

Subject: draft 281 (cost recovery)

Hi Becky,

In your note to this draft, you asked if it should establish how the interest rate would be determined. When I had asked DNR this some time ago, they didn't give a definitive answer but said they had talked about basing it on the consumer price index. Do you know if there are similar provisions in the statutes that do this, or establish an interest rate in another way? Thanks,

Andrew

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